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TO: Examiner Philip C. Tucker
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/076,209
Entitled: DRILLING FLUIDS CONTAINING AN ALKALI METAL FORMATE
Our Ref.: 00072CIP(3600-306-01)

FROM: Luke A. Kilyk, Esq. *LK*

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Items Attached: Amendment -- 9 pages
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U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/268,520 and Filing Receipt -- 46 Pages

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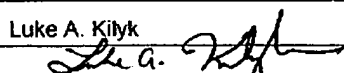
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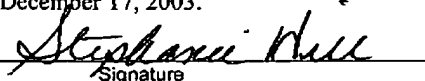
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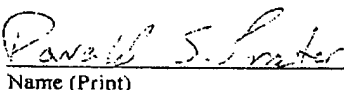
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